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1. DURING CONVERSATION MORNING MAY 23, SYG WALDHEIM INDICATED TO AMBASSADOR LEONARD THAT INTENSE COMPETITION INVOLVING BRITISH, CHINESE, AND SOVIETS HAS DEVELOPED OVER APPOINTMENTS TO ASYG POST CREATED BY RESTRUCTURING. SHOULD BRITISH CANDIDATE (KEARNES) FOR WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOT BE APPOINTED, SYG FELT HE MIGHT HAVE TO "APPEASE" UK BY GIVING THEM POSTS SOMEWHERE IN RESTRUCTURED AREA. WALDHEIM SAID SOVIETS ALSO HAVE MADE DIRECT APPROACH ASSERTING THEY BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE REPRESENTATION IN THIS AREA, AND CHINESE, IN ADDITION TO CALLING ON USYG FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS RIPERT ALSO CALLED ON SYG MAY 22 TO STATE THEIR INTEREST IN A POST IN THIS AREA.

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2. ELSEWHERE IN CONVERSATION, SYG INDICATED THAT "AN INDIAN" WOULD BE GETTING ONE OF ASYG POST IN RESTRUCTURED AREA (PRESUMABLY THE UP-GRADED MOSAK POSITION) TO COMPENSATE FOR ELIMINATION OF POSITION OF USYG FOR INTERAGENCY AFFAIRS AND COORDINATION PREVIOUS HELD BY NARASIMHAN. WALDHEIM PLAINLY INDICATED THAT HE ANTICIPATES LOUD AND STRENUOUS COMPLAINTS IF US NOMINEE

IS APPOINTED AS ASYG FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

3. AMBASSADOR LEONARD INDICATED UNDERSTANDING FOR SYG'S PREDICAMENT. HE SAID US IS VERY PROUD OF FOUR CANDIDATES WHOM WE HAVE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF ASYG FOR THIS POST. HE REITERATED US IS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN POSITION "FOR OBVIOUS REASONS," AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SYG COULD MAKE A GOOD SELECTION IN FILLING THIS POSITION.

4. OPI - AMBASSADOR LEONARD TOLD SYG WALDHEIM US HAD CHECKED INTO BACKGROUND OF MICHAEL MARLOW, UN'S CHOICE FOR SUCCESSOR TO STAJDUHAR AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS AND HAD FOUND HIM VERY WELL QUALIFIED. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS NEWS AND INDICATED THAT HE "TENTATIVELY HAS INTENTION" APPOINT MARLOW AS STAJDUHAR'S SUCCESSOR. WALDHEIM SAID STAJDUHAR HAD BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB AND DESERVED PROMOTION. HE INDICATED MARLOW WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION AND WOULD ALSO ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY. WALDHEIM READILY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STAJDUHAR IS "NO ADMINISTRATOR".

5. SYG INDICATED THAT USYG AKATANI WOULD BE LEAVING UN SOON. HE SAID "NEW JAPANESE" WOULD TAKE OVER OPI DURING LAST HALF OF CURRENT YEAR.
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6. WALDHEIM SAID HE IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTY IN GIVING RICHARD HOTTELET ASYG POST LATTER WANTS TO COME ON BOARD AS PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISOR TO SYG. HE INDICATED HOTTELET HAD TURNED DOWN D-2 APPOINTMENT ON WALDHEIM'S IMMEDIATE STAFF AS PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR. WALDHEIM REFERRED TO HIGH IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO HOTTELET'S APPOINTMENT AND MISSION HE WISHES HOTTELET TO PERFORM.

7. AMBASSADOR LEONARD REPLIED THAT WE HAVE HIGH REGARD FOR HOTTELET, BUT CANNOT ENCOURAGE SYG TO USE ANY ASYG POSTS MADE AVAILABLE BY RESTRUCTURING FOR PURPOSES THIS APPOINTMENT.

8. AMBASSADOR LEONARD ALSO INDICATED US CONTINUING INTEREST IN CHIEF OF PUBLICATIONS POST OCCUPIED BY ROBERT KENNEY. WALDHEIM SAID KENNEY HAS BEEN OF GREAT HELP IN MANAGEMENT OF PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION DURING ABSENCES FOR HEALTH REASONS OF SPOKESMAN WILLIAM POWELL.

9. AMB. LEONARD TOLD WALDHEIM US WOULD SUPPORT APPOINTMENT

OF MIAN QADRUD-DIN AS CHIEF OF ECOSOC SECRETARIAT TO SUCCEED DIEGO CORDOVEZ. WALDHEIM INDICATED APPRECIATION FOR HIGH US ENDORSEMENT OF QADRUD-DIN, BUT POINTED OUT THAT NO VACANCY EXISTS SINCE CORDOVEZ' POSITION WAS MERELY UPGRADED TO ASYG LEVEL WITHOUT PROVISION BEING MADE FOR CONTINUATION OF HIS FUNCTION.

10. CHIEF OF GENERAL LEGAL DIVISION - AMB. LEONARD RECALLED THAT US HAD NOMINATED TWO CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED BLAINE SLOAN, WHOM WE UNDERSTAND INTENDS TO RETIRE FROM

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UN. LEONARD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OUR CANDIDATES WERE SATISFACTORY TO UN.

11. WALDHEIM REPLIED THAT HE HAS "REAL PROBLEM" WITH THIS POSITION, ALTHOUGH IMMINENCE OF ITS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN PUT OFF SOMEWHAT BY SLOAN'S AGREEMENT TO REMAIN UNTIL END OF CURRENT YEAR AT SYG'S PERSONAL REQUEST. WALDHEIM SAID SLOAN IS UNHAPPY THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN PROMOTED TO ASYG, BUT WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD REJECTED THIS AS VALID BASIS FOR COMPLAINT. WALDHEIM WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUCCESSION TO SLOAN AT LENGTH WITH UN LEGAL ADVISER SUY. HE DESCRIBED SUY AS COMPLETELY IN FAVOR OF PROMOTING JOHN SCOTT (SA/UK, D-1), CURRENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GENERAL LEGAL DIVISION. WALDHEIM SAID SCOTT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR THIS POSITION, KNOWS UN WELL, AND WOULD "BE BEST FOR JOB." WALDHEIM

SAID THAT IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO STAFF MORALE IF THERE ARE NOT PROMOTIONS FROM WITHIN AND IF ALL VACANCIES ARE FILLED WITH APPOINTMENTS FROM OUTSIDE AT NOMINATION OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. WALDHEIM REPEATED THAT MAIN REASON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR APPOINTING SCOTT, HOWEVER, IS THAT HE IS CONSIDERED CANDIDATE BEST QUALIFIED FOR POSITION.

12. PROMOTION OF JAMES SUTTERLIN - IN CLOSING AMB. LEONARD MENTIONED SHEVCHENKO'S RECOMMENDATION FOR SUTTERLIN'S PROMOTION FROM D-1 TO D-2 AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS MIGHT BE CONSUMMATED. SYG AFFIRMED HIS HIGH REGARD FOR SUTTERLIN, AND ACKNOWLEDGED HE JUSTLY DESERVES PROMOTION. PROBLEM IS THAT D-2 POSTS DO NOT EXIST AND THAT SYG IS CONFRONTED WITH CLAMOR FROM ALL SIDES FOR MORE OF THEM. YOUNG

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